

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Catherine Lofton-Day et al.

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For: METHODS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF COLON CELL  
PROLIFERATIVE DISORDERS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: